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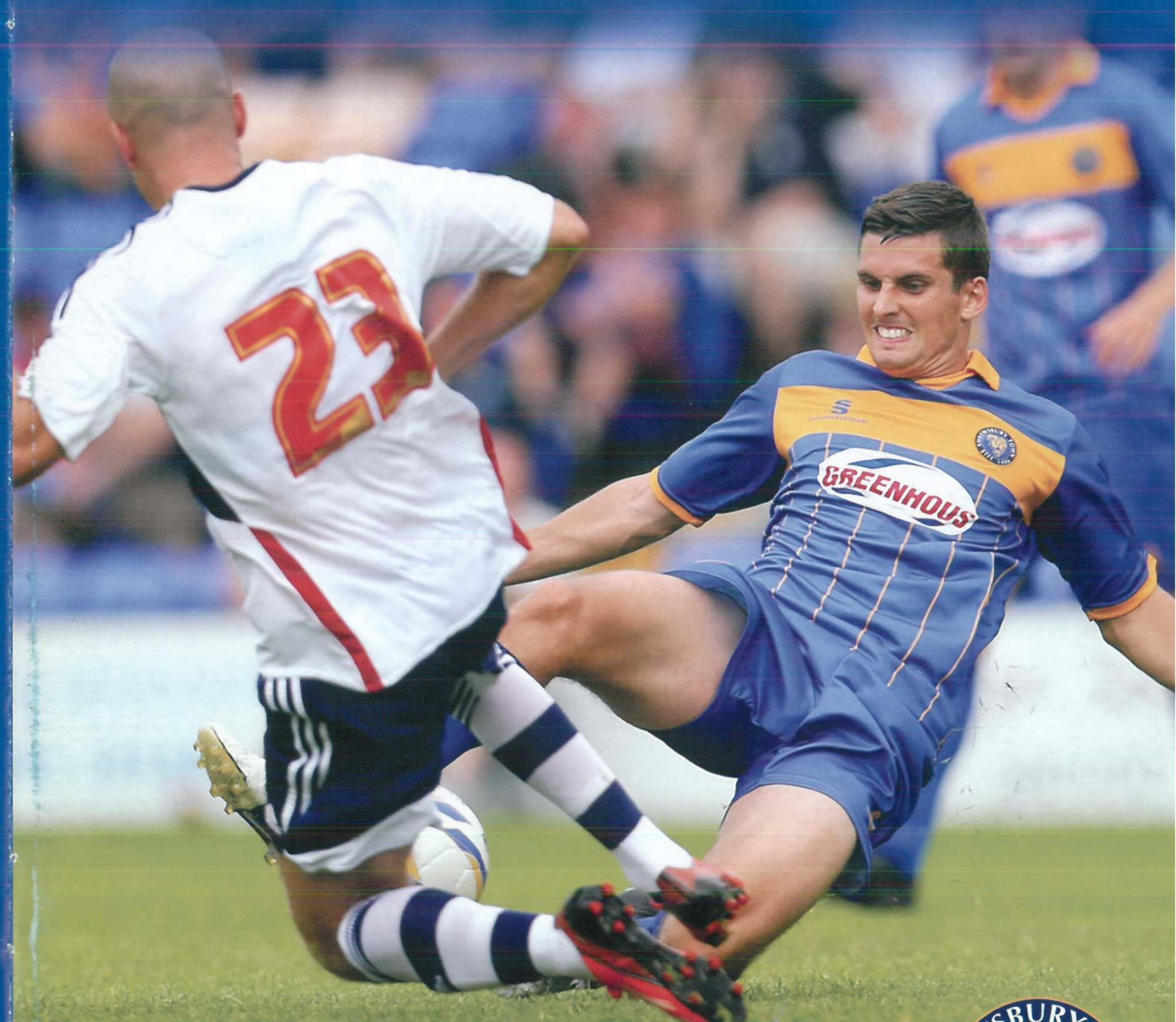
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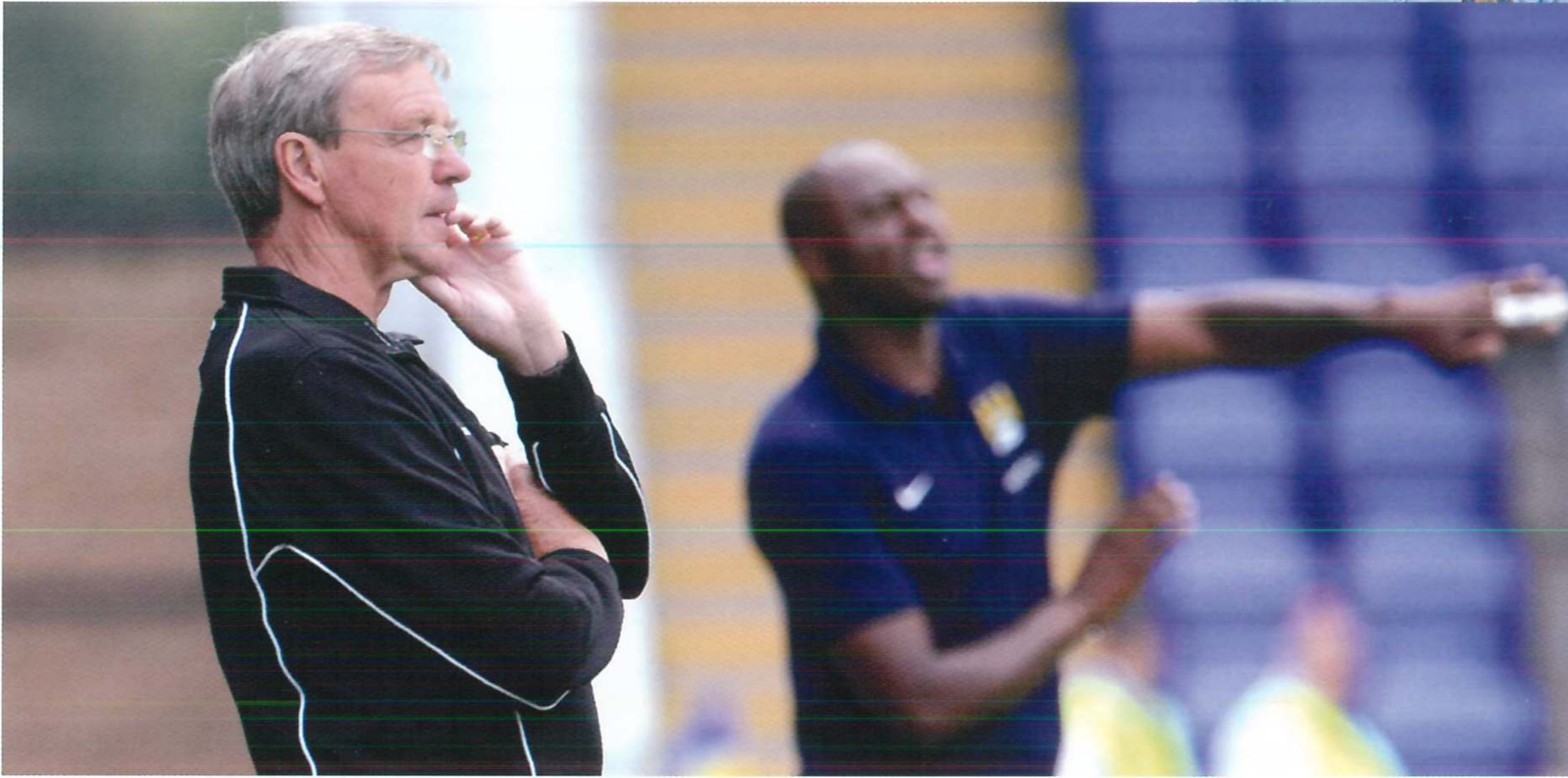
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GRAHAM TURNER

THE MANAGER'S PRE-MATCH THOUGHTS



Welcome to this evening's Capital One Cup match. The draw has given us a very attractive tie against a very good Championship opposition, Bolton Wanderers under the guidance of Dougie Freedman and Lennie Lawrence. They are one of my choices to be right in the contention for promotion back to the Premiership this season. They have a very good squad of players and an excellent management team. There lies the challenge for us, to go and be a match for their quality.

Last Saturday's opening draw against a MK Dons was encouraging against a side that are fancied to do well this season we were more than a match for them. The work we put in was first class with a good shape to the team. Although a little composure was lacking first half we grew in confidence as the game went on and created a number of opportunities. Equally pleasing was the clean sheet. MK Dons have some very good attacking players with plenty of experience, however we limited them to very few shots. There is no doubt in my mind that we can improve on that performance individually and collectively and we should have strengthened the squad by the close of the transfer window which will further help the cause.

No doubt about the result of the day last Saturday, Leyton Orient's 5-1 victory at Carlisle. To win so emphatically on the opening day of the season would give any set of players a confidence boost. As their next league opponents we have to be ready and prepared for them. They had the advantage of an extra man for an hour after a red card for Carlisle's Lee Miller and

scored a couple very late in the game which perhaps distorted things. We know what to expect at Brisbane Road. Manager Russell Slade's side are always well organised and hard working with the boost of the opening days result, we will be well prepared.

I would like to thank all the fans who attended last Thursday's Fan's Forum, it was a good turnout producing a variety of good questions. I always enjoy the rapport with supporters; after all we all want the same thing, -success for Shrewsbury Town.

In conversations after the formal part of the evening there were also some good points brought up. The feeling within a small group was interesting. The subject of player signings was discussed as I painted the difficulties of persuading players of the right quality and character, and who we could afford to come to the club. The strong opinion from several was that they were satisfied with a well run club which did not get into one financial crisis after another but lived within its means. With two very high profile clubs who have been in financial trouble recently, Portsmouth and Coventry City, attracting a great deal of publicity because of their plight, it brings home to people just how easy it can be to run up huge debts.

Everyone wants to see the squad strengthened and we will do that, but we will try to do so within our means.



CHRIS SKITT

STFC PHYSIOTHERAPIST

Good evening ladies and gentlemen, and the second welcome in quick succession to the second fixture of the 2013 – 2014 campaign. Tonight see's us take on Championship opposition in the Capital One Cup. I would like to welcome the physio, the players, staff, management and fans of Bolton to the Greenhous Meadow.

After a nice break and a tough pre season it was nice to finally be back amongst the meaningful games on Saturday. I thought the players equipped themselves very well against a team that are always in the upper half of the table. Despite the new faces in the line up, I was very encouraged by the performance. We looked like a solid group all working towards the common goal of success. Overall, I thought our fitness was very good with us finishing the game by far the strongest.

On the injury front it is very much status quo from Saturday, we were lucky to not pick an injuries up from the match and we are of course an extra couple of days down the line with the currently injured members of the squad.

Dave Winfield, will go for a scan on his injured leg this week to see the extent of the damage. To some extent, this will then allow us to set a more accurate timescale for return. In the mean time, we will be treating him daily working extremely hard on the soft tissue around the area to hopefully accelerate the healing time. Akwasi is coming along nicely and is now completing his end stag function rehab daily. We are now doing ball work everyday with Akwasi and building the sharpness of movement back in to his game. Unfortunately, with hamstring injuries it is just a matter of not rushing them back in. They are notorious for re straining after a rehabilitation period, we will therefore take our time and ensure every strategy possible is taken to avoid a re-injury.

All that is left for me to say is that I hope you have a lovely evening at the Greenhous Meadow, made even more so by a good home win.



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CAPTAIN

It was good to finally get the season underway on Saturday when we took on MK Dons who are always one of the better sides in our division. It took us a little while to settle into the game, but once the second half came around we looked a lot more comfortable. Overall, with the chances we had in the second half, we should have maybe taken more than a point from the game. The important thing was to start the season with a positive result which we did, and add to that a clean sheet means it was a good day's work, but we know that we can do better.

Tonight we welcome Bolton Wanderers to the Greenhous Meadow in the Capital One cup. We played them a few weeks ago in pre-season and that was a good open game which was good for the fans to watch. I think tonight's game will be a lot tighter

with both teams looking to extend their stay in the competition. Chances will be at a premium so whoever takes theirs will probably have the edge this evening.

The cup competitions haven't been too kind to me over my career, but I was lucky enough to get to Wembley last season in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy when I was on loan at Southend. We lost, which is still a big disappointment, but Wembley is a great goal to aim at. Bradford City flew the flag for lower league clubs last season, going on that huge run to the Capital One final, so that's a bit of an inspiration for us going into tonight's game. You have very few chances to play at Wembley during your career, but Bradford have shown that it is possible for players in the lower leagues to still get their chance.

The make-up of the squad is a

nice balance of youngsters and the older pros and everyone has gelled really well to make a good positive dressing room. I might be the captain, but there are other players in there who bring a lot of experience to the side. The likes of myself, Chris Weale, Dave Winfield, Paul Parry, Luke Summerfield are all leaders, not just by being vocal, but also by what we can all do both on and off the pitch.

The support for the players against MK Dons was very good and we'll need that once again tonight if we are to overcome a tough Bolton side to progress to the next round.



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SUPER BLUES NEWS

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PRIZE DRAW

Winners of our July draw which was held at last Sundays Open Day were:

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RUNNERS UP WERE:

9 Chris Smith

17 Mr J Lawley

250 Mr I Whitfield

267 N Holder

458 Barry Lyones

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All applications recently received have now been processed.

Certificates will be issued shortly and we are hoping the bricks will be laid before the end of September.

NEWSLETTER 2013

All members should have received their newsletter together with membership cards where appropriate. If you still need to pay your subscriptions please send your cheque to Treasurer David Roscoe as soon as possible.

MEMORABILIA

We still have a few badges, and Bobby Charlton photographs available. We also have a few copies of Frank Manford's latest book left - hurry while stocks last.

LATEST DONATION

Super Blues committee members David Roscoe, Jackie Klekot, and Jill Lucas presenting Martin James with a cheque for £10,000 at last Saturday's home game. Full details of the projects that are being supported with this donation will be advised shortly.

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TALKS TO STUART DUNN

GOLDSON

HAPPY TO HAVE PLEDGED HIS FUTURE TO SHREWSBURY BY SIGNING A NEW CONTRACT DURING THE SUMMER, CONNOR GOLDSON WANTS THIS TO BE THE SEASON HE HOLDS DOWN A REGULAR PLACE AT THE GREENHOU MEADOW.

Goldson and his close pal Jon Taylor both agreed two-year deals with Town on the same day and now the big defender is keen to emulate the little winger by featuring more often this season.

Goldson had to bide his time for a chance to show what he could do in League One to present itself last year with his first start of the campaign not coming until December.

But the 20-year-old, having impressed once he did begin to play on a more regular basis, is now determined to convince manager Graham Turner he merits a place in his side.

Goldson would be happy to play at right back if necessary but insists he would love to slot in at the heart of the back four.

Ready to embrace the competition for places from Darren Jones, plus summer signings Tamika Mkandawire and Dave Winfield, this is a season which has been eagerly awaited by the Wolverhampton-born former pupil of the Thomas Telford School just down the road in Telford.

"It's a challenge for me," said Goldson, not surprised the manager bolstered his defensive options during the close season. "I'm nearly 21 and I don't expect it to be a case of 'here you go, there's your place, play every game'.

"Obviously, I would like that, but at the same time I need to prove to myself, to Jacko, to John and the gaffer that everyone he brings in I'm going to be better than, and I need to play.

"We need a squad and you need four centre halves so it's up to me. The gaffer can't have just me and one other centre half and play me every week as if one gets injured you've got no-one else.

"You need depth to the squad and we've got that now so it's up to me to prove I'm one of the best."

Goldson was quick to sing the praises of his central defensive rivals, aware they all have attributes which can serve Town well.

"We've got all different kinds of centre backs now," he said. "I like to bring the ball out from the back and play and read the game as a defender.

"We've got Dave Winfield who is big and solid and you're not really going to get a lot out of.

"Tam is a mix of both. He's strong, aggressive, quick and he can play as well.

"Jonah is probably in between Tam and Dave. He's not as big as Dave but he's very strong and you don't get a lot out of him and he's probably a bit quicker. He can also play a bit as well.

"There's four completely different style of centre backs and it's just what the gaffer wants."

Goldson insisted he always wanted to extend his Greenhou Meadow career having joined the club direct from school.

It was just the fact he enjoyed a few holidays during the summer which led to him eventually putting pen to paper just ahead of the squad returning to begin pre-season training.

He said: "I went on three holidays straight after each other and when I was away my phone wasn't on. As soon as I got back from one holiday I got in touch with Jacko and sorted a meeting with the gaffer.

"The main thing for me is playing football. I need to start getting games regularly under my belt and hopefully I can do that this year."

Goldson has enjoyed the variation of pre-season with one of the personal highlights breaking forward from the back to score the second goal as Town beat Liverpool's under-21s at the Anfield club's Academy training ground.

"I was happy to get a goal," he smiled. "I intercepted the ball on the halfway line, went forward, passed it wide, Paz crossed and I tapped it in so that was nice.

"I thought I did well in that game and when you see their under-21 players compared to our under-21s, there's not a difference at all.

"If anything, we're better. I don't know if that was their strongest team but you look at the likes of me, Jon, Aaron, Bradders, Woodsy, all of us would go into that Liverpool under-21 team from what I saw."

Goldson also relished the chance to pit his wits against star-studded Galatasaray, picking up the shirt of Turkey's top striker Burak Yilmaz as a souvenir, but he admitted he did not have one of his better games at right back against the Istanbul giants.

"To be honest, I wasn't very happy with my own performance," he said. "It was obviously early in pre-season and they have got a lot better players and are a better team than us, but at the same time that's a level I aspire to play at.

"If it can be with Shrewsbury Town I'll be happy, but I don't want to play in League Two, League One, the Conference all my life.

"I try and look as high as I can and aim as high as I can.

"I didn't have the best of games in a game I really wanted to because I like to test myself against better players. The better they are, the better I need to be."

Now Goldson is raring to go and get stuck into life in League One once again as he sets his targets high.

"Realistically, we have to look as high as we can," he added. "We need our team to be solid and just keep looking as high as we can, never look down."



RYAN JERVIS

WHAT WILL BE WILL BE

If I wasn't a Shrewsbury Town supporter I would quite like to become a Bolton Wanderers fan. Do they offer honouree membership I wonder? They are after all founding member of the football league with a long and successful history with success at all levels and in all competitions involving the round ball and over the years the destination of many of our own most talented players.

For some remarkable reason, coincidence probably, many of the appointments we made at my school turned out to be people who had been brought up in Bolton, worked there and in most cases were avid supporters of this great football club. The regular break time conversation was either about Bolton or the Town especially on a Monday morning when the results on the Saturday determined the mood of the school

Marc Tierney's transfer to Bolton continues a long line of ex Shrewsbury Town players who have played for the Lancashire club. Via Colchester and Norwich he has made the same journey as Sir Mickey and of course Tony Kelly. What they all share is the distinction of being players we were really sorry to see departing. Marc's departure was something of a hammer blow at a time when we all had aspirations of playing football in a higher league and we had to wait another three seasons following his transfer to achieve a higher status.

In the case of Mickey Brown, he has the record for the number of appearances as a Town player, rather like the second coming, he did return to the club to rescue or should that be save us from relegation. Unsure whether to make him a knight or a martyr his grateful and adoring supporters settled for the former.

Tony Kelly made 101 appearances for Shrewsbury. It felt like many more such was

the massive impact his magnetism and character had on our supporters'. Many would have loved him to return to our club like Mickey in some capacity such was the respect we had for him as a footballer and a man. Anyway, a second Knighthood might have got us into trouble with the Palace!

But there is one player that I have not so far mentioned. In 2005 I became aware that some of my colleagues at school were discussing a fans survey at Bolton. In order to compile a list of the top fifty Wanderers legends of all time supporters were invited to contribute. Thousands of nominations were received including one or two from some of my colleagues.

The great Nat Lofthouse was the winner by a margin. He was the equivalent of our own Arthur Rowley, both gifted and dedicated footballers whose contribution to their respective football clubs transcended that of any other individual. Both were modest men whose expectations about themselves were tiny and who never wanted or expected praise or to be treated any differently to anyone else.

Both now deceased, their memories must continue as that, memories with memorabilia in plenty and in the case of Nat Lofthouse a statue which is about to be unveiled outside the Reebok Stadium. Nat who died two years ago and who was a one club man would have been amazed and overwhelmed, but so totally deserving of

the recognition not just as a footballer but being a really decent human being.

Nat Lofthouse came top of the poll and Jay-Jay Okocha came second as an all time favourite. But who came third? Bolton supporters' third choice played for Scotland on 13 occasions and scored 4 goals. He turned out for Bolton on no fewer than 192 occasions and scored a remarkable 87 goals. He signed for Town in 1989 and whilst he only played 25 games he scored a total of 9 goals and will forever be remembered at the club. He was of course John McGinley. Another player, who had he remained for a season of two longer in Shrewsbury; well things might have been different.

Today John McGinley is Chief Scout at Wigan, his talents recognised by Manager Owen Coyle who played alongside McGinley at Bolton and rates his knowledge and ability to spot talent extremely highly. Tony Kelly is now Assistant Youth Team Coach and Fans Liaison Officer at Bolton and Sir Mickey continues to be one of the fittest men on the planet and a regular visitor to Shrewsbury Town where he still resides and holds superhuman status.

All of this bodes really well for Marc Tierney and every single young players at our club today, who can see that if history is anything to go by, they must realise that with their talent and a lot of hard work anything becomes possible.



STUART DUNN

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NOW, I don't want to tempt fate, but my expectation levels are pretty high ahead of tonight's Capital One Cup clash against Bolton Wanderers.

That's not just because the memory of the six goals shared by the sides in that entertaining pre-season clash at the Meadow is a recent one.

It's just that first round ties for Town in this competition, the League Cup under its various sponsorship deals, are usually something special.

Okay, last season did not go exactly to plan with Town beaten 4-0 by Leeds United, although the final scoreline was a little harsh given how well Shrewsbury had started at Elland Road.

That game unusually for a League Cup tie was played on a Saturday afternoon as the curtain raiser for the new season.

Happily, midweek ties have quickly been reinstated for the first round this season, and that conjures up all sorts of fond memories.

Town's last first round win in this

competition was an exciting 3-2 triumph over Derby County at Pride Park.

The enigmatic Lionel Ainsworth absolutely terrorised veteran Irish international Kevin Kilbane that night as Town raced into a 3-2 lead.

Marvin Morgan grabbed his first goals in a Shrewsbury shirt with a brace while strike partner James Collins also scrambled the ball over the line from another Ainsworth assist.

The Rams, prompted by former Town captain Ben Davies, threatened a fightback in the second half but Town were not to be denied a famous win which, after Swansea were seen off in round two, would lead to that fantastic trip to Arsenal a few months later.

My abiding memory of the Rams match is commentating for Radio Shropshire alongside Steve Cross, a former Town and Derby player, and glancing a few seats to my right to lifelong Shrewsbury fan Colin Bloomfield, who was commentating on the tie for Radio Derby.

Colin's face in trying to conceal his

delight at Town opening up a 3-0 lead while he described the action to a Derby audience was priceless!

There's also been a couple of exceptional first round ties here at the Greenhous Meadow since Town moved grounds in 2007.

The first of them was a 3-3 thriller with Roy Keane's Ipswich in 2009, perhaps best remembered for Dave Hibbert's stunning dipping volley from 35 yards.

That's still one of the top five goals I've seen at this ground - and there's been plenty from which to choose.

What a pity the night should end with skipper Graham Coughlan firing the decisive penalty in the shootout over the bar as Town bowed out on spot kicks.

Still, it did not prevent Keane from waxing lyrical about his fellow Irishman Coughlan's all round contribution afterwards.

Then, of course, there was that sensational comeback from 3-0 down to beat Charlton Athletic 4-3 12 months later.

The Londoners oozed quality as they surged into a 3-0 lead but somehow Town, in only Graham Turner's second competitive match back in charge of the club, dragged themselves back into it.

They were in the hunt at 3-2 adrift by the break after Jake Robinson's fourth goal in two games - easily his best few days in a Town shirt - was followed by an own goal from a certain Yado Mambo.

Daniel O'Donnell - remember him? - hit all the right notes to equalise before Matt Harrold delivered the final act of a compelling contest.

That was some game, just sensational - more of the same tonight, please!

MARCUS BRADDOCK INVESTIGATES...

PROGRAMME FEATURE WRITER MARCUS BRADDOCK SWINGS THE SPOTLIGHT ON OUR OPPONENT'S HOME TOWN IN A DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO FILL A PAGE...

It's only a couple of weeks since I did an article for a Bolton programme and yet here is another in the middle of the first week of the season. For the friendly game we had before the season began, I focussed on their history in the F.A. Cup as that was what caught my eye. This time I'm going to write about something that happened a long time ago and has been seemingly forgotten by all but football historians and Bolton supporters.

In 1946, in a game at Bolton's old stadium, Burnden Park, 33 people lost their lives. It was an F.A. Quarter final between Bolton and Stoke City and a bumper crowd was expected for the game between 2 of the better clubs in the league. The attendance was also boosted by it being the first year of the F.A. Cup since the beginning of World War 2.

In those days, the F.A. Cup was played over two legs at the quarter final stage and Bolton had won the first leg by 2 goals. Entry to the Bolton end of the roofless Burnden Park, was from the Manchester Road end only. The disaster happened at the Railway End of the ground where, in common with other post-war grounds, facilities were rough. The bank was crude, just dirt with odd flagstones for steps. Although there was room towards the Burnden side of the ground, part of the stand had been requisitioned by the Ministry of Supply and it had not yet been returned to normal use following the war. In addition, the turnstiles at the east end of the Railway Embankment which adjoined the Burnden Stand had been closed since 1940.

At the time, fans paid at the turnstiles rather than buy tickets beforehand. As a result, the end became packed and over capacity and it was decided to close the turnstiles at 2:40 pm. This, however, did not stop more people entering the ground, with people climbing in from the railway, climbing over the closed turnstiles and, when a father and son apparently picked a lock of a closed gate to escape the increasing crush, entering through it.

Shortly after the game started, the crowd



began to spill onto the pitch and the game was temporarily stopped for the pitch to be cleared. However, clearing the crowd was complicated because two barriers in the stand collapsed and the crowd had fallen forward, crushing the people underneath them. The game was restarted but was quickly halted again when a police officer came onto the pitch to speak to George Dutton, the referee, to tell him there had been a fatality in the stand. He, in turn, called the two captains, Bolton's Harry Hubbick and Stoke's Neil Franklin, together to inform them and the players left the pitch.

The dead and injured were taken from the stand, with those who had passed away placed along the touchline and covered in coats. A little under half an hour after leaving the pitch, the game was restarted, with a new sawdust lined touchline separating the players from the bodies. At the end of the first-half, the players immediately changed ends and started the second half. Stanley Matthews was on the Stoke team, and later said he was sickened that the game was allowed to continue.

Lawyer and M.P. Moelwyn Hughes's official report recommended more rigorous control of attendance sizes. There was a conference on the licensing and regulation of sports grounds where it was recommended that, as a voluntary

code, local authorities should inspect grounds with a capacity of 10,000 spectators and agreed safety limits should be in place for grounds of more than 25,000 capacity. Turnstiles should mechanically record spectator numbers and grounds should have internal telephone systems.

In August 1946 England and Scotland drew 2-2 in an additional fixture in aid of the Disaster Fund. All tickets to the match at Manchester City's ground were sold to raise money for the victims' families. The Burnden Park disaster was the greatest loss of life in British football history until the Ibrox Park disaster at Rangers' home ground in 1971.

Somehow this tragedy seems to have fallen out of history for most fans. The Hillsborough tragedy is well remembered, as is the Bradford fire and even the Ibrox disaster, despite being over 30 years ago. But the Burnden Park disaster is nothing but a footnote in the history of the 2 clubs involved. I suppose that it's the gulf of nearly 70 years means that it is less well remembered, the later disasters had plenty of media coverage too, so it's easier to recall what happened. Whatever the reason, I think it's important to remember these sporting tragedies, which is why I decided to write about it.

MATT JOHNSON INTRODUCES THE OPPOSITION...



BOLTON WANDERERS

BOLTON TRAVEL TO THE MEADOW FOR THIS EAGERLY ANTICIPATED LEAGUE CUP TIE AFTER NARROWLY MISSING OUT A CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY-OFF PLACE LAST SEASON. THE TROTTERS ARE AMONGST THE FAVOURITES TO SECURE PROMOTION BACK TO THE PREMIER LEAGUE THIS TIME AROUND.

CLUB INFORMATION

FOUNDED: 1874, NICKNAME: The Trotters
GROUND: Reebok Stadium.

HONOURS

League titles: League titles: 4 (3 Championship, 1 League One), FA Cup: 4, League Cup: 0, League Trophy: 1, Other Cups: 1 (Charity Shield).

LAST SEASON

League: 7th (Championship), FA Cup: 4th Round, League Cup: 2nd Round, League Trophy: N/A

GOALKEEPERS ADAM BOGDAN, ANDY LONERGAN, JAY LYNCH.

DEFENDERS TYRONE MEARS, MATT MILLS, TIM REAM, ZAT KNIGHT, ALEX BAPTISTE, JOE RILEY, MARC TIERNEY, DAVID WHEATER.

MIDFIELDERS CHRIS EAGLES, KEITH ANDREWS, MARK DAVIES, DARREN PRATLEY, STUART HOLDEN, JOSH VELA, CHUNG-YONG LEE, JAN GREGUS, MEDO KAMARA.

FORWARDS DAVID N'GOG, JERMAINE BECKFORD, ROB HALL, MARVIN SORDELL, CRAIG DAVIES, MICHAEL O'HALLORAN, TOM EAVES.



HOTSHOT: JERMAINE BECKFORD

DOB: 09.12.83 PLACE OF BIRTH: LONDON

Beckford completed a move to the Trotters last month for an undisclosed fee, believed to be in the region of £1million, from Leicester City. The striker signed a two-year-deal at the Reebok after spending the majority of last season on loan at Huddersfield from the foxes, scoring eight goals in 21 appearances for the Terriers. He started his career in the Chelsea youth setup before being released and plying his trade in non-league football with Wealdstone. He earned a move to Leeds in 2006 and excelled for the Elland Road Club in his four year stay, netting 72 league goals in just 126 appearances. He allowed his contract to run to expiration with Leeds, and subsequently signed a four-year-contract with Premier League side Everton, but stayed at Goodison Park for a solitary season before joining the Foxes in August 2011 for £2.5million. He scored 15 goals in his debut season at the King Power Stadium, but fell out of favour last term before being sent out on loan.



MIDDLE MAN: CHRIS EAGLES

DOB: 19.11.85 PLACE OF BIRTH: HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

Wide-man Eagles joined the Trotters from Burnley in July 2011 for £3million after the Clarets were relegated from the Premier League. He followed his former boss Owen Coyle from Turf Moor after Coyle was appointed manager at the Reebok and enjoyed success in his first season despite the Trotters suffering relegation. After Coyle was replaced by Freedman, Eagles continued to impress in the Championship and made a telling impact in the Club's late push for the play-offs. A Manchester United trainee, Eagles made a handful of appearances for the Red Devils amongst loan spells with Watford, Sheffield Wednesday and NEC Nijmegen before joining Burnley on a three-year-deal for an undisclosed fee in 2008. Eagles made an instant impact at the Clarets, helping them to gain promotion to the Premier League in 2008-09 as part of a career that saw him score 20 goals in 120 league appearance from out wide.



STOPPER: DAVID WHEATER

DOB: 14.02.87 PLACE OF BIRTH: REDCAR

Towering centre-back Wheeler signed for Bolton from Middlesbrough on a three-and-a-half year deal for an undisclosed fee in January 2011. Starting out in the Boro academy, he graduated to the first team in the 2004-05 season at the age of 17 after tasting success in winning the 2004 FA Youth Cup. After making his breakthrough, he enjoyed several loan spells away from the Riverside from 2006 to continue his development, joining both Doncaster and Wolves. A further loan spell in 2007 with Darlington followed before Wheeler cemented himself as a mainstay in the Middlesbrough line-up. In his seven years with the Club, he scored nine league goals from defence in 140 appearances before opting to join Bolton in the Premier League. Since joining the Trotters, Wheeler has been limited to 35 league outings in his two-and-a-half seasons with the Club due to injury but is now back to full fitness and will be looking to make an impact on this season's Premier League promotion push.



MANAGER **DOUGIE FREEDMAN**

Freedman took over at the Reebok in October 2012 after impressing in his first managerial role with Crystal Palace.

He began his playing career with Barnet in 1994 before moving to Palace a year later, smashing 34 goals in 93 appearances over two seasons. He moved to the Midlands for a season with Wolves before joining Nottingham Forest in 1998.

23 goals and 70 games later, Freedman was on the move again, returning to Selhurst Park in 2000 for a £600,000 fee. After years on the move, it seemed he'd finally found his home, staying at Palace for eight years and scoring 73 league goals in 237 appearances before being loaned out to Leeds in 2008. Following that loan spell, an ageing Freedman was released and he signed a two-year deal with Southend to see out his playing career.

He was quickly snapped up into the Palace backroom scene in 2010 as assistant to Paul Hart and continued the role under George Burley. When Burley was sacked in 2011, Freedman was made caretaker boss before being penned as permanent manager shortly after.



ADAM BOGDAN

DOB: 27.09.87
PLACE OF BIRTH: HUNGARY

Wanderers acquired the services of 25-year-old Bogdan from Vasas Budapest on a two-year deal in 2007.

Since then he has made a total of 65 league appearances for the Trotters and his fine form has seen him sign numerous contract extensions at the Reebok, with his latest deal running until summer 2015.



ZAT KNIGHT

DOB: 02.05.80
PLACE OF BIRTH: SOLIHULL

Towering centre-half Knight joined Bolton from Aston Villa in July 2009 for a fee believed to be in the region of £4million. The 33-year-old joined Fulham from Rushall Olympic in 1999 and went on to play over 150 games for the Cottagers in his eight year stay. He moved to Villa Park in 2007 for £3.5million before switching to the North West.



CHUNG-YONG LEE

DOB: 02.07.88
PLACE OF BIRTH: SOUTH KOREA

Bolton agreed the £2.2million capture of South Korean international Lee in July 2009 from K-League Club FC Seoul. Learning his trade in the Korean capital from 2004-2009, he impressed the Wanderers scouts sufficiently to earn a move to England where he has played well over 100 games for Bolton since his arrival. He suffered a horrific broken leg injury in a pre-season game in July 2011 that ruled him out of action for over a year.



KEITH ANDREWS

DOB: 13.09.80
PLACE OF BIRTH: IRELAND

Midfield maestro Andrews signed for Wanderers prior to the start of the 2012-13 season after the expiration of his contract with West Brom. He started out at Wolves in 1999 before moving on to Hull, MK Dons and Blackburn before joining Albion in January 2012. In total Andrews has made over 350 career appearances and has scored over 45 goals.



MARK DAVIES

DOB: 18.02.88
PLACE OF BIRTH: WOLVERHAMPTON

Davies signed for Wanderers from home town club Wolves in January 2009 for an undisclosed fee on a four-and-a-half year contract. Developed through the Wolves academy, he broke into the first team in 2005 and went on to make just 27 league appearances until leaving for the Reebok. Since signing for Bolton, Davies has established himself in the first XI and has made over 110 appearances.



DAVID N'GOG

DOB: 01.04.89
PLACE OF BIRTH: FRANCE

Frontman N'gog joined the Trotters for £4million from Liverpool in August 2011 after failing to earn a regular spot in the first XI at Anfield. He played for PSG in his native France between 2006 and 2008 before Rafa Benitez took him to Merseyside. He made 63 league appearances in three years with Liverpool, most of which came from the subs bench, and scored just nine goals.



MARVIN SORDELL

DOB: 17.02.91
PLACE OF BIRTH: LONDON

Sordell joined Bolton on a three-and-a-half year contract in January 2012 from Watford, where he has been a key player since 2008. Graduating through the Hornets academy, he scored 27 league goals in 73 appearances, and had brief loan spells at Wealdstone and Tranmere before switching to the Reebok. But he has so far found goals hard to come by in the North West, netting only four league goals 25 games.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Wanderers have twice been runners-up in the League Cup, losing in the final to Liverpool in 1995 and Middlesbrough at the Millennium Stadium in 2004.
- Bolton entered the competition in the second round last year and lost 2-1 to Crawley at the Broadfield Stadium.
- Founders of the Football League, Wanderers were formed in 1874 as Christ Church Football Club before adopting its current name in 1877.
- Bolton have spent the highest number of seasons of any Club in the top-flight without ever winning the title. The 2011-12 season was the 73rd.

IN THE FRAME

TYRONE MEARS, MATT MILLS, TIM REAM AND NEW SIGNING ALEX BAPTISTE COULD FEATURE AT THE BACK. DARREN PRATLEY AND LOANEE JAN GREGUS COULD BE SET TO PLAY IN MIDFIELD, WHILST CRAIG DAVIES, ROB HALL AND SHREWSBURY FAVOURITE TOM EAVES ARE THE ALTERNATIVES IN ATTACK.

NEXT UP

LEYTON ORIENT

Saturday 10th August 2013

Coaches depart

Wem Council Offices..... 8.30 am

Crown Abbey Foregate..... 9.00 am

Red Lion Wellington 9.15 am

Super Blues members £20, Junior & Oap travel club members £20, Adult travel club members £21, Junior and Oap non members £22, Adult non members £23, Under 11's only £10.

ROTHERHAM UTD

Saturday. 24th August 2013

Coaches depart

Wem council Offices..... 10.30 am

Crown Abbey Foregate..... 11.00 am

Red Lion Wellington..... 11.15 am

Super blues members £15, Junior & Oap travel club members £15, Adult travel club members £16, Junior and Oap non members £17, Adult non members £18, Under 11's only £8.

Bookings call Chris 01952 604742 or email shrewsawaytravel@hotmail.com or see him at main reception after tonight's game Remember no alcohol is allowed on our coaches.



WE ORGANISE EXECUTIVE COACHES TO ALL TOWN'S AWAY GAMES. WE WILL AGAIN BE OFFERING COMPETITIVE COACH FARES WHILST RETAINING THE HIGH STANDARD OF COMFORT AND RELIABILITY ENJOYED BY FANS IN PREVIOUS SEASONS.

AWAY TRAVEL CLUB

Welcome back to all our supporters who travel with us on our executive coaches. Despite the harsh economic conditions we are pleased to confirm that current coach fares are being maintained for the season ahead.

This is well demonstrated for our first trip of the season when we visit the capital to play Orient.

Our quality standards will be maintained. All coaches will have washroom facilities, DVD players, air conditioning, reclining seats etc.

We look forward to seeing supporters old and new in the coming months - remember you don't have to be a member to travel with us but it

only costs £2 to join (free for super blues members) and you will get discounted fares on every trip.

As we begin the new season it is a good time to remind you we also run coaches to all home games from Wem, Telford and Oswestry areas. Details of all contact numbers pick up places and times are shown on the travel plan which appears on the club website.

CHRIS SMITH

NEXT UP



NOTE: The OSC would like to take this opportunity to remind our members and others who travel with us that abuse of our committee members or fellow travellers will not be tolerated - this could lead to bans from coaches and/or membership terminated. We are all volunteers and do what we do to help the football club. All away trips are our days out as well. Also as a reminder the times for away games are times. You will need to be at the pickup points a little before this time.

PLEASE REMEMBER WHEN TRAVELLING ON OUR COACHES ALCOHOL IS NOT PERMITTED AT ANY TIME.

OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB

OSC have the following on board their executive coaches which are supplied by Owen's Travelmaster.

- Coaches are fully air conditioned
- WC and washroom facilities
- Two TV/DVD screens
- Hot and cold drinks along with a good selection of chocolate bars

- Long haul trips have a quiz with a prize for the winner. (Not Cash)
- Discounts for OSC Members, OAP's and Juniors.

OSC will have coaches going to the following away match, the pick up points and prices are listed below.

LEYTON ORIENT SAT 10TH AUG 2013 K/O: 3PM

Dep Times; 4x's Depot 08:00hrs, Pedigree (Oswestry) 08:15hrs, Oxon (Shops) 08:40hrs, Meole (Downes Garage) 08:50hrs, Asda (Bus Stop) 09:05hrs, Telford Services 09:30hrs

Prices; Adult Member £24, OAP/17yrs Member £22, 11/16yrs Member with paying adult £16, 10 & under Member with paying adult £10, Non Member £27, Non Member Concessions £25

ROTHERHAM UTD SAT 24TH AUG 2013 K/O: 3PM

Dep Times; 4x's Depot 09:15hrs, Pedigree (Oswestry) 09:30hrs, Oxon (Shops) 09:55hrs, Meole (Downes Garage) 10:05hrs, Asda (Bus Stop) 10:10hrs, Telford Services 10:45hrs.

Prices: Adult Member £18, OAP/17yrs Member £16, 11/16yrs Member with paying adult £13, 10 & under Member with paying adult £10, Non Member £21, Non Member Concessions £19

To book a seat for this match ring Owen's Travelmaster 01691 652126 or Ian Venables on 07981593437

PROGRAMMES FROM THE PAST

CHRIS SMITH

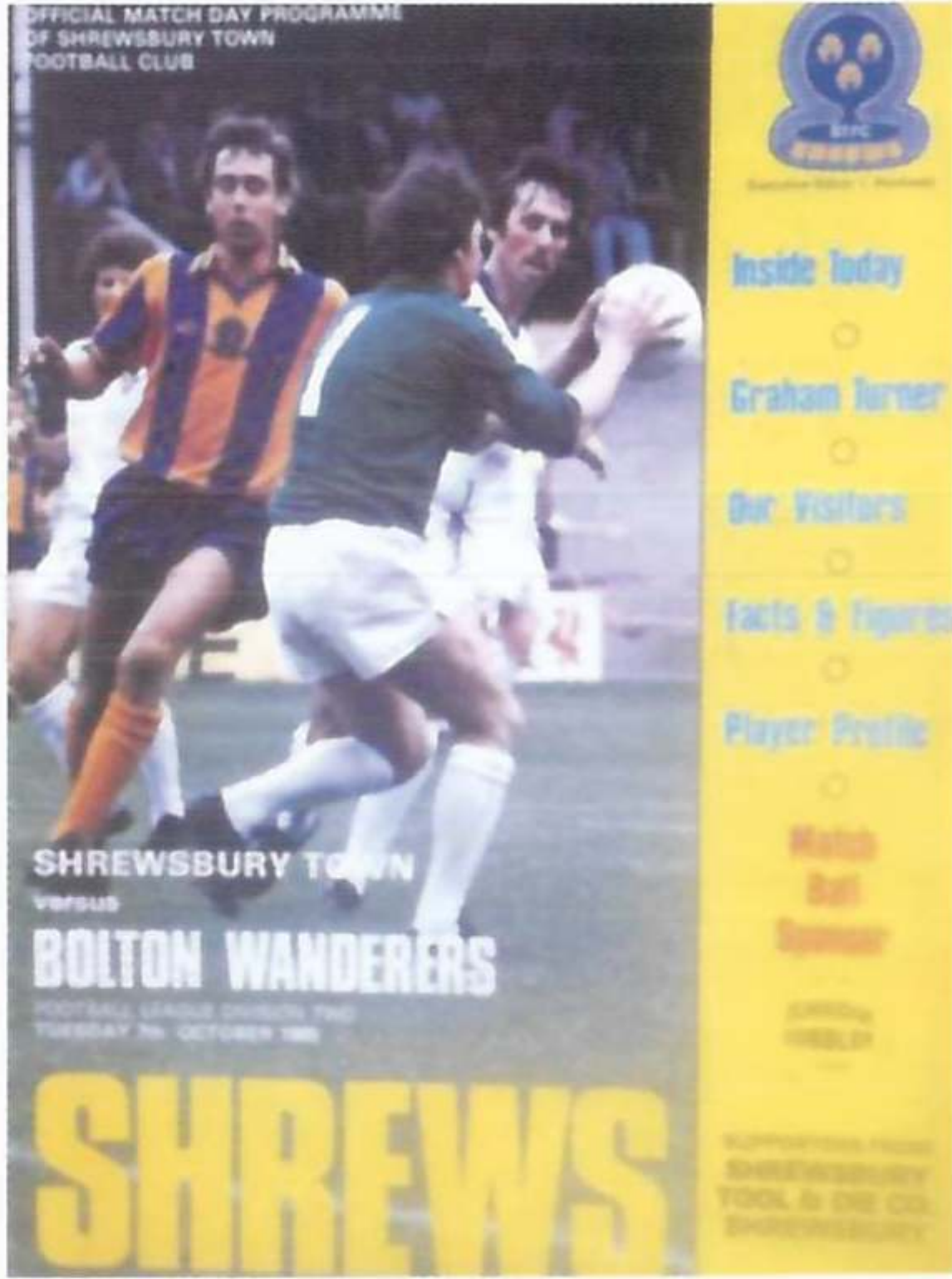
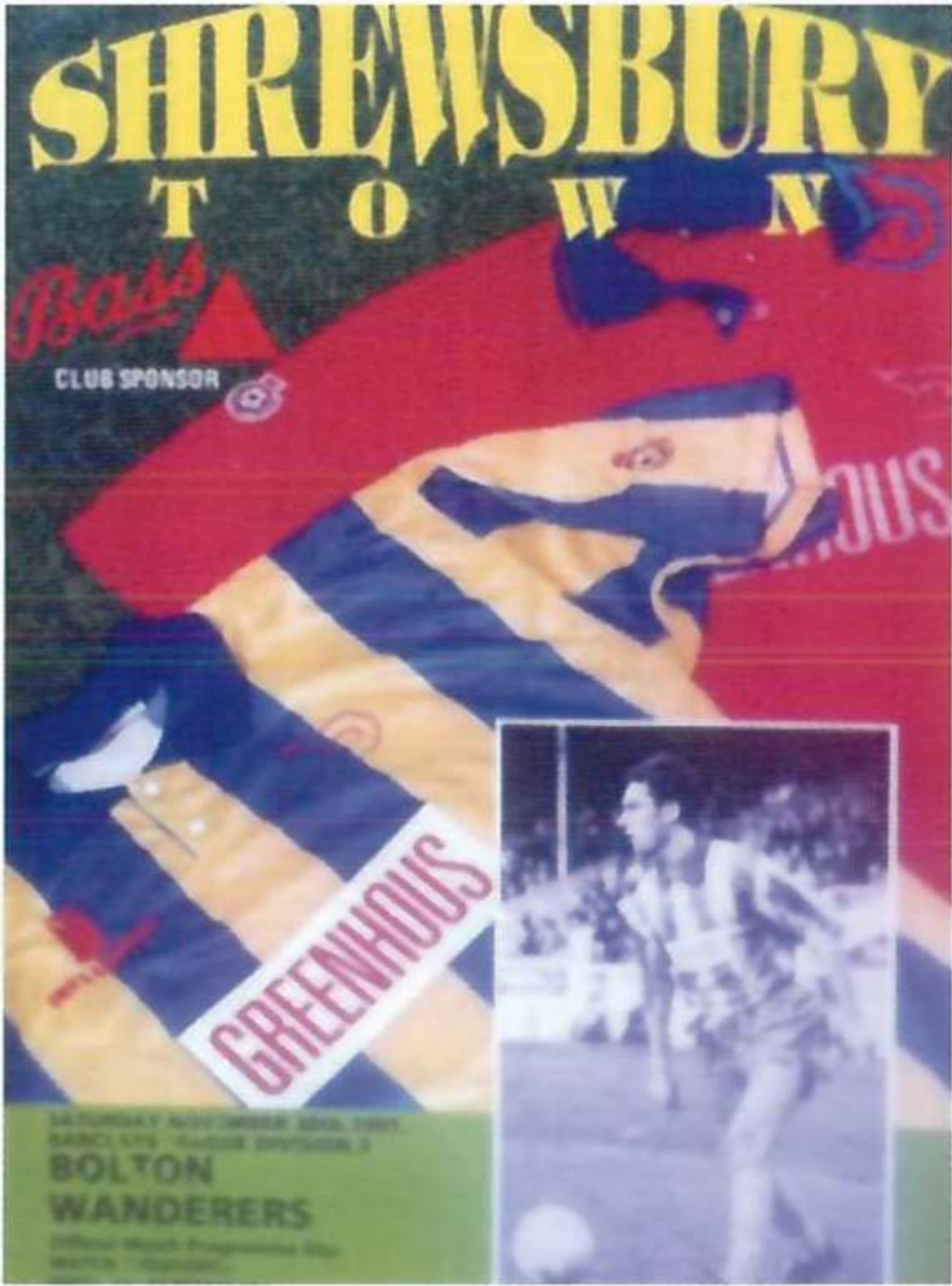
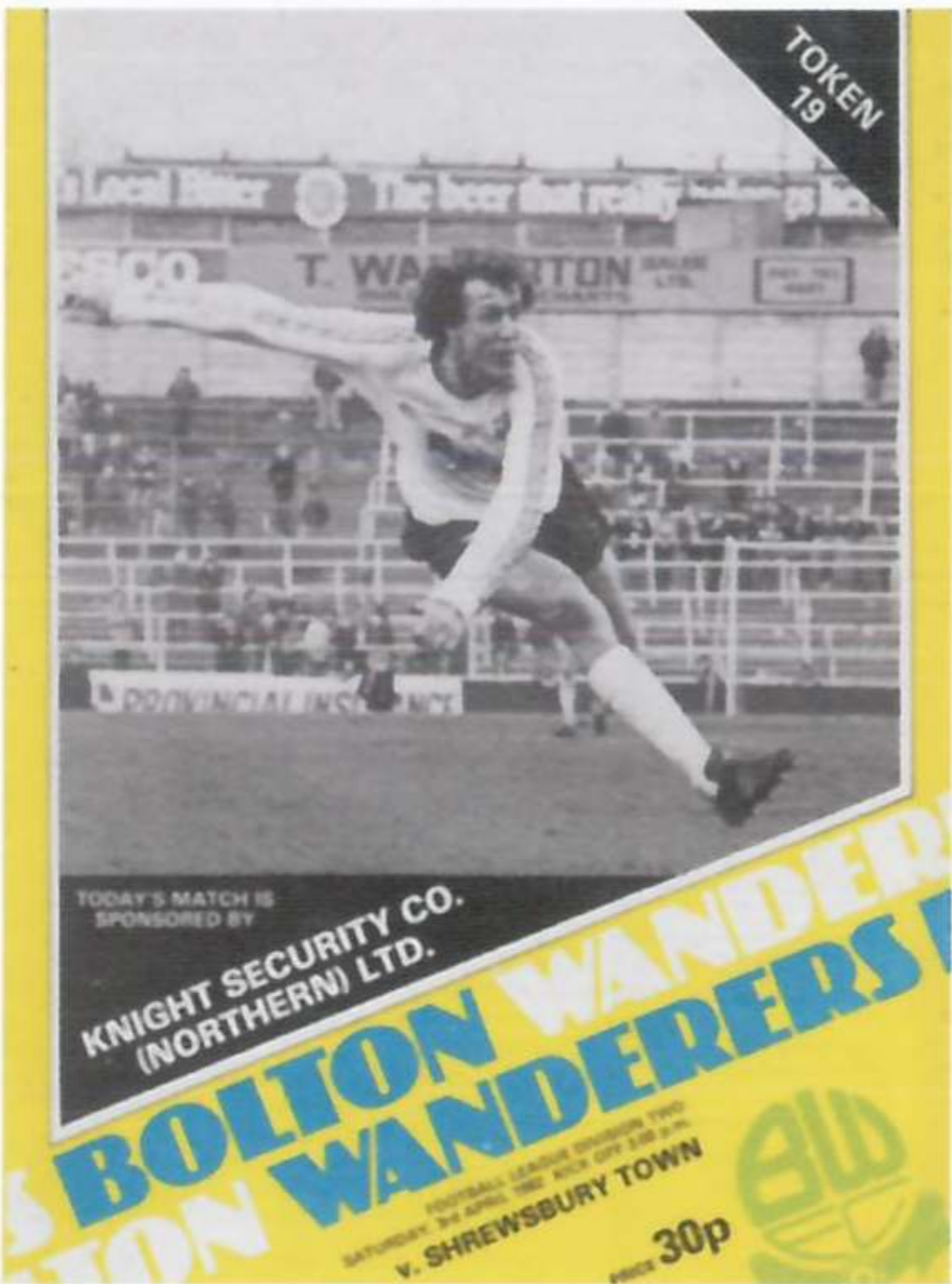
It was quite usual for Shrewsbury to play home games on a Friday evening in the early 1970's allowing supporters to do those important other things like shopping on a Saturday! So Bolton's first visit to Gay Meadow was on Friday 26th November 1971. The programme issued for the 6,605 who attended was the usual 12 page edition. Town won 1-0 with a first half goal from Alf Wood on his way to scoring a remarkable 35 league goals that season. In goal that day for Shrewsbury was Ken Mulhearn. The programme included a free "magazine" The Football League review, a 24 page weekly offering which meant that supporters had plenty to read in addition to Manager Harry Gregg's thoughts and the usual pen pictures of Bolton players. Always interesting in older programmes are the adverts which included one for wigs for gentlemen losing their hair (or maybe that was tearing it out watching the match!) Perhaps they should have instead had a pint of Wem Best Bitter, advertised in the programme for many years but sadly no longer brewed.

When Bolton next visited on Friday 13th April 1973 it was certainly unlucky for Shrewsbury. Bolton on their way to winning the league won 2-0 in front of over 6,500 supporters. In fact Bolton did the triple over Shrewsbury that season, also knocking us out of the FA Cup at Burnden Park. A fairly sparse programme with little to read over 12 pages predominantly of advertisements and statistics. Manager, the late Maurice Evans, issued an end of season rallying call to gain enough points to avoid relegation. Adverts included Sidoli's, Hall Wateridge and Owen and the Shrewsbury Chronicle.

By October 1980 the programme for Bolton's visit was a more colourful offering with a match action picture on the cover and full colour throughout. The programme also included Programme Plus, a magazine devoted to football and motoring matters giving more for supporters to read. Manager Graham Turner in his notes told us that

PREVIOUS MEETINGS					
20/11/1971	D3	H	1-0	Wood	
15/4/1972	D3	A	0-2		
9/12/1971	FAC	A	0-3		
21/3/1972	D3	A	0-2		
13/4/1972	D3	H	0-2		
7/10/1980	D2	H	1-2	Turner	
14/3/1981	D2	A	2-0	Dungworth, OG	
15/8/1981	GrpC	A	2-0	Tong, Cross	
14/11/1981	D2	H	2-0	Bennett, Atkins (p)	
3/4/1982	D2	A	1-1	Atkins	
6/11/1982	D2	A	4-1	Petts (2), Williams, Cross	
19/3/1983	D2	H	1-0	A. Brown	
25/9/1984	LC	H	2-2	MacLaren (2)	
9/10/1984	LC	A	1-2	Williams	
16/12/1989	D3	H	3-3	Gorman, McGinlay, Moyes	
21/4/1990	D3	A	0-1		
25/8/1980	D3	H	0-1		
19/1/1991	D3	A	0-1		
30/11/1991	D3	H	1-2	Smith	
11/2/1992	D3	A	0-1		

there was still no news on the transfer front and that 4 or 5 players were struggling for form. Clearly Graham was doing his best to make up for that as he headed in Town's goal in a 1-2 defeat. I wonder if he remembers that one!





SHREWSBURY TOWN 0

MK DONS 0



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A youthful Shrewsbury side made an encouraging start to the League One campaign – and could consider them unfortunate to miss out on a victory against MK Dons.

Boss Graham Turner gave competitive debuts to three of his summer signings – new skipper Tamika Mkandawire, striker John Marsden and on-loan right-back James Tavernier. Defender Alex McQuade also made his debut as a late substitute in what was a slow-burner of a contest.

Chances were at a premium in the first half, with neither goalkeeper being forced into serious action.

But Town certainly had the better of the second period, creating a string of decent chances that could have seen them open the campaign with three points.

Aaron Wildig went closest, the midfielder getting on the end of a super left wing cross but firing straight at Dons custodian David Martin from close range.

The lively Marsden was also twice denied by Martin, who then went on to tip over a stringing effort from Paul Parry.

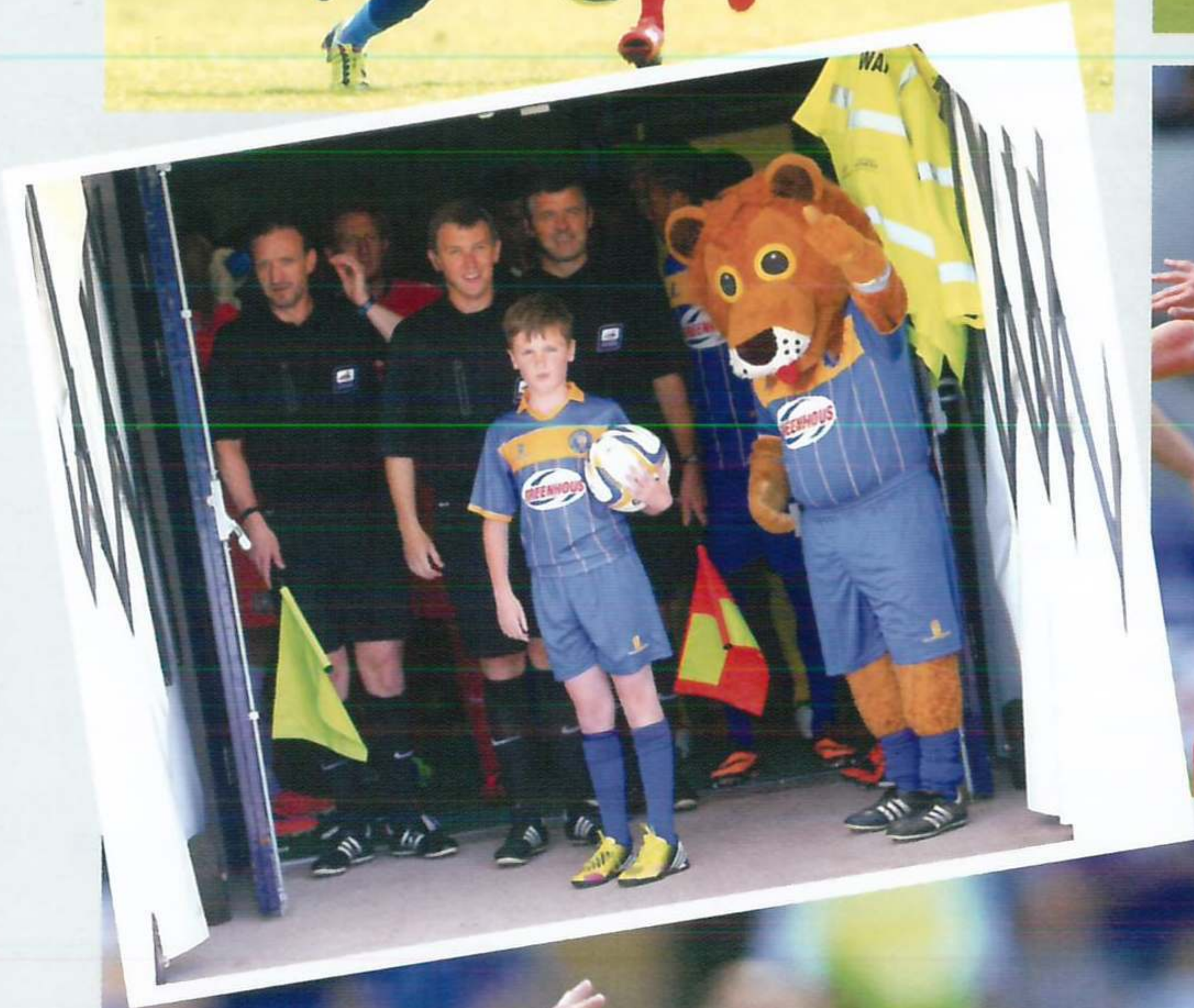
Chris Weale in the Town goal was finally tested in the closing minutes, reacting well to push a long-range effort from George Baldock over the bar.

"The encouraging part about it is that we can get better," said Turner. "As a manager you are never quite sure if you have worked hard enough in pre-season, and whether you have played enough games.

"I think today was a good indication that we looked fit, we looked strong - but we just needed a bit more here and there."

TOWN: Weale; Tavernier, Jones (Goldson 84), Mkandawire, Jacobson; Parry (McQuade 89), Wildig, Summerfield, Taylor; Bradshaw, Marsden (McAllister 77).

Subs not used: Anyon, Woods, Smith, Anderson.





1993-94 REVISITED

BY STUART DUNN

It's 20 years since Town, under Fred Davies, enjoyed the club's most recent title season when they were crowned champions of the fourth tier. The match programme goes all nostalgic to turn the clock back to the memorable 1993-94 season.

IT MIGHT not have been the start to the season caretaker manager Fred Davies would have wanted, but the team spirit which would serve Town so well as they marched towards title glory was quickly very evident.

A day after Davies swooped to sign Wayne Clarke from Walsall, Town kicked off their campaign with a 1-0 defeat against Mansfield on August 14, 1993.

A 69th minute goal from Kevin Noteman, who headed in Phil Stant's cross, left Town empty handed at Field Mill, but Davies still sounded an upbeat note.

"The nice thing was seven of the lads who weren't involved in the final 13 travelled over to Mansfield to give their support," said Davies. "That's exactly the type of spirit I am trying to create here, that we are all in it together, no matter who's playing."

"It was a poor game and one I didn't think we deserved to lose. We conceded a goal fairly late on when everything looked comfortable.

"The one thing that was missing from our game was a little bit of zip. I know it was a

very humid day but we had no spark about us at all which disappointed me."

Davies included a trio of new signings Dave Hockaday, Gary Patterson and Clarke, paired up front alongside Carl Griffiths, in his starting XI while another, Chris Withe, appeared off the bench.

But Town struggled to make much of an impression as an attacking force, Clarke heading their best chance just wide, but he - and Town - would soon have much better days.

Davies added he was delighted to have lured Clarke to the Meadow from Walsall, insisting the 32-year-old would prove an astute signing.

"He's a player I've admitted for a long time from our days together at Birmingham City in the mid 1980s," he said. "I spoke to him about the possibility of getting him here last summer just before he went to Walsall and have kept an eye on the situation since."

"Wayne's a quality striker with the great habit of putting the ball in the net.

"The board of directors have shown their ambition in

allowing me to go ahead with the signing. We haven't got fortunes to spend and by that I mean not even £30,000 or £40,000, but what I have wanted to do they've backed me up which has been great."

Town opened their Gay Meadow campaign for the season with a 1-0 win over divisional rivals Scunthorpe United in the Coca Cola Cup first round first leg.

And it proved a memorable night for Oswestry-born midfielder Paul Evans, the 18-year-old's first senior goal giving Town an advantage to take to Glanford Park a week later.

Selected by Davies ahead of the much more experienced Steve Mackenzie, Evans crowned a man of the match display as early as the 10th minute when he latched on to a Dean Spink pass to volley over advancing keeper Mark Samways.

"I was delighted with the result," said Davies. "Scunthorpe will be one of the most difficult sides in the division to break down, but we created four or five good chances."

A mixed opening week of the season for Town was completed with a 2-1 home defeat against



at right back, were soon level with a goal which owed much to good fortune.

Big striker John Gayle, the striker who later had an unproductive spell with Town, got on the end of a cross, getting just enough of a connection to beat Paul Edwards.

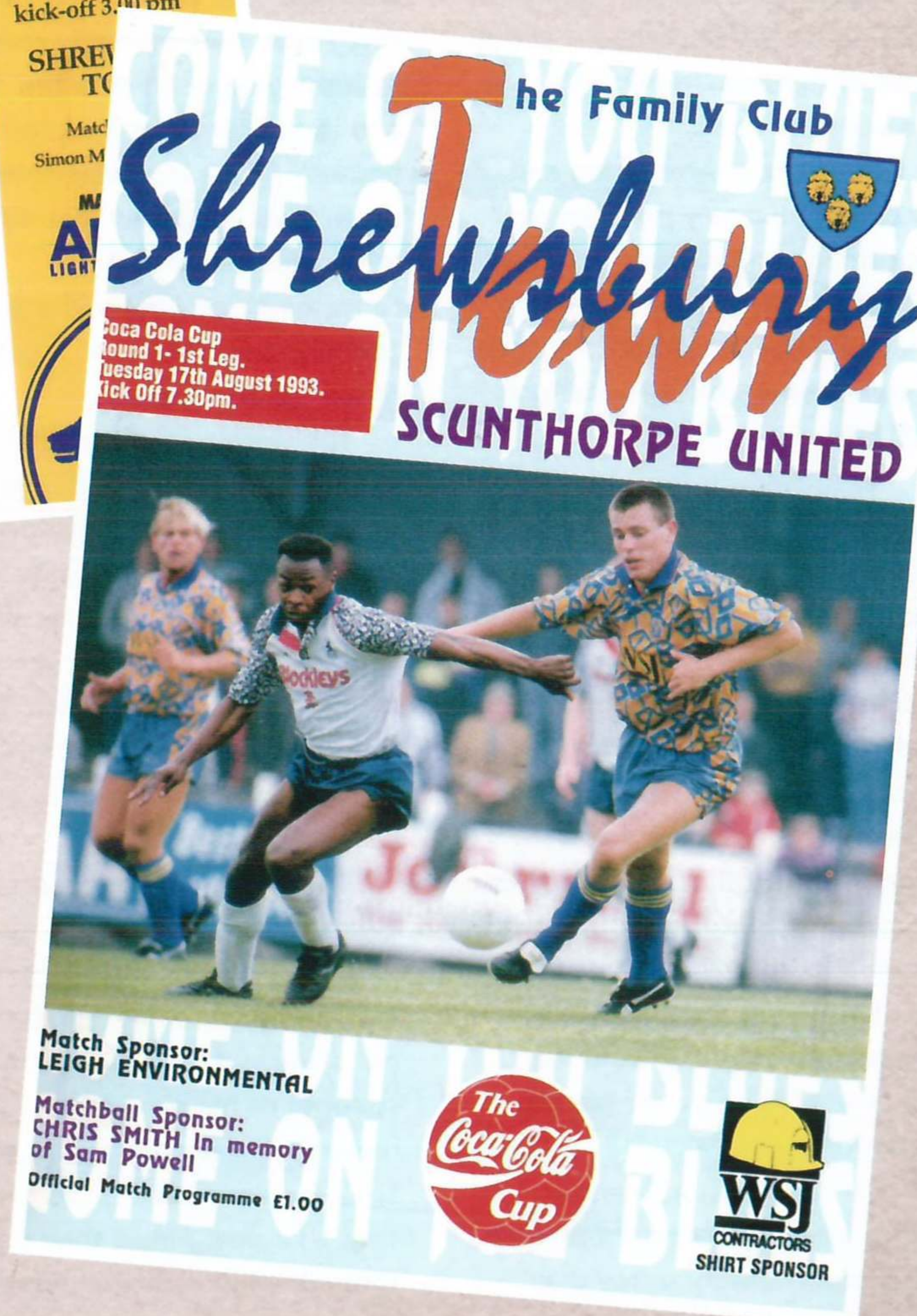
And worst was to come for Town when a shot from sub Mike Cecere took a deflection off Brown on its way in to leave Davies's men dejected and empty handed.

Walsall, a second reverse in as many league outings.

Town came up against an inspired goalkeeper in Mark Gayle as they failed to build on a lead given them 50 seconds into the second half by winger Micky Brown.

A fine pass from Clarke, given a torrid time verbally by the Walsall fans who used to love him, released Brown who did the rest.

Walsall, who included Town's current head of youth Wayne Evans in their side





A LARGE SCOTCH

THE NON-LEAGUE YEAR

This season Adrian Plimmer, former editorial team member of the Shrewsbury Town Fanzine "A Large Scotch" will bring the sights, sounds and stories of Salop's brief return to Non-League football to life (via the written word and the odd photo). A season which culminated in a never to be forgotten Play off Final victory over Aldershot Town. Sit back, relax and read on.

Chapter Five – Who are they? Exactly!

When the fixtures came out, the highlight was obviously facing "Wellington Town", but also amongst those fixtures the trip to Accrington Stanley brought about a bit of romance to our return to Non-League football.

The story of Accrington and of Accrington Stanley has been well documented. But when you read up on the story, I got the feeling that I wanted to go and visit their former home, and see what was still left.

So the journey up to Lancashire in my little old Ford Fiesta (which I the stupidity to call 'Buffy' – so see various article from shrews web during the '00's') was one of pilgrimage let alone following Salop. Our decent into the world of 'not being part of the 92' was rammed home as coaches of Wolves fans making their way to Blackburn (their first fixture in the Premier League) highlighted where the two teams were now (some hysterically laughing from me when you think we are playing them this season!).

On arriving in Accrington, the place was I imagined. Pretty grim. Accrington's programme that

season summed it up. A grey cover, with the words 'Accrington Stanley' in red. And to show off civic pride, a photoscape of rows and rows of terraced houses.

Google maps showed me the way, and after passing the Peel Park Hotel, took a narrow road up to some garages in between 'rows and rows of back to back terraced houses'. At the end were some green (well you know that dirty green you see up in Lancashire/Yorkshire) and a slope. The map said 'Peel Park'. I got out of the car and walked.

The website had said that the site was now a school playing field. And they weren't wrong. There was the field with goalposts in. And if you looked carefully, the hill behind one goal slopped up very much like a football terrace. The wall on the write was part of the boundary wall of what was the stand. This was Peel Park.

There was a fence of sorts but it was easy to get through, and I walked across the pitch. The sun was starting to shine, and although not a warm day, you could feel the strength of the sun. What I also remember was how quiet it was. The breeze whistled through the tress that now poked their way through what concrete terrace. I

imagined Town playing here. A decent crowd and the noise they would be making. I'm sure a heard a refs whistle.

I was on commentary duties again that day, and sat in the shallow Main Stand at Accrington. The ground was definitely 'non-league', with a bus shelter running the length of one side, and two uncovered terraces at each end. The ground was fairly full, when the teams came out, and another large following from Town making some noise.

Colin Bloomfield (he know of Radio Derby fame) was on secondment to Radio Lancashire. Early in the first half Colin commented something to my co-commentator Andy Davies. They had heard the feed from Radio Shropshire. Telford had taken the lead at home to Aldershot. In the live table on 'Conf Guide' Telford were above Shrewsbury for the first time since 1938. Then Telford summariser Alan Phillips uttered some face (and what proved to be last words). 'There's only one team in Shropshire'. I believe it didn't do much commentary after that!

On the field an event that was to change the Town's history came into being. Ian Dunbavin had been struggling with an injury and had



to come off. It's ironic that Bavo went on to play for Stanley later in his career. On came Scott Howie. The rest as they say is just that. History.

It was a tight game of few chances and I'd settled for a draw, when Colin Cramb rose like a salmon and popped home in front of the travelling Salopians. Buy now Telford were losing 5-2 at home, and Wolves were getting stuffed nap at Ewood Park.

It was a wonderful journey home.

Prior to leaving I had a shandy

in the Crown Inn, where the ground gets its name. It was a wonderful treasure trove of Accy Stanley history. You got a sense of what the football club meant to the town. Nobody thought they'd ever get to the Football League, but to have a team in the top flight of the Conference was a great marker.

No, all Town

had to do was win a game at home. We wouldn't have to wait long.





FROM THE PRESSBOX

BOB DAVIES PENS THIS WEEK'S PRESSBOX...



AS FAR AS THE SOCCER PURISTS ARE CONCERNED, THE LEAGUE CUP HAS NOT ONLY HAD SOMETHING OF A CHEQUERED CAREER BUT HAS NOT ALWAYS BEEN AFFORDED THE RESPECT IT DESERVES.

For ever since its inception over 60 years ago some of the bigger clubs have downgraded the importance of the competition by fielding weakened sides.

But it's a sure thing that neither Shrewsbury boss Graham Turner or Bolton manager Dougie Freedman will contemplate that sort of approach as their teams embark on their bid for some sort of cup glory at the Greenhous Meadow tonight.

A cup run, in whichever tournament, is often the inspiration for a successful string of results in the league and, at such an early stage of the season, both managers will be anxious not only to progress in what is now known as the Capital One Cup but also to lay the foundations of their challenge in the more important league table.

The man behind the League Cup was Alan Hardaker, who was secretary of the Football League from 1957 to 1978 and it was at his instigation that the League Cup was launched in 1960.

Hardaker was recognised as the Godfather of Football and was astute enough to realise that a tournament based on two-legged ties would be financially attractive to lower league sides, as opposed to the FA Cup in which a small club could go several seasons without ever benefitting from a money spinning home tie.

As most of the country's senior clubs became equipped with floodlights during the late 1950s, the League Cup was

introduced specifically to exploit weekday evenings throughout the winter.

Not all clubs approved of that philosophy, though, and six of them in the top echelon of what was then the Football League (as opposed to the Premier League these days) threw their toys out of the pram by refusing to enter!

But the standoff didn't last for too long as European qualification was the proverbial carrot dangled in front of the winners of the 1966 competition – West Brom beating West Ham 5-3 on aggregate – and it was then that the major clubs began taking an interest.

That was the last final played over two legs as the tournament had finally earned its stripes to stand alongside the FA Cup as a showpiece final and if proof were needed it certainly came in 1967 when 98,000 fans were shoehorned into Wembley to witness West Brom going down 3-2 to QPR.

In 1982 the League Cup blazed the trail for sponsorship deals in football as it became the Milk Cup before it was transformed into the Littlewoods Challenge Cup in 1986 and the Rumbelows Cup four years later.

Coca-Cola took over in 1992 before it became the Worthington Cup in 1998 and the Carling Cup from 2003 to 2012, the longest run of any sponsor. Last year it assumed the name of the Capital One Cup in a four year deal.

Unlike the FA Cup, which attracted an entry of 758 teams in 2012-13, the

League Cup is open only to the 20 Premier League Clubs and the 72 clubs of the Football League and nowadays it is only the semi-finals which are staged over two legs.

Shrewsbury and Bolton, in fact, have met once before in the League Cup – during the 1984-85 campaign, with Wanderers easing through 4-3 on aggregate after a 2-2 draw at Gay Meadow and 2-1 victory at Burnden Park.

Giant killings – which are such a mouth-watering feature of cup football – are really few and far between in the League Cup compared with the FA Cup, simply because of the absence of non-league sides and the fact that many big clubs are eliminated after fielding under-strength sides.

But try telling the Shrews that they are not looked upon as giant killers after their astonishing performance in reaching the semi-final of the inaugural League Cup competition.

It took them three attempts to see off Swindon before they edged out Norwich and then famously despatched Everton through two Peter Dolby strikes to reach the semi-final in which they went down 4-3 on aggregate to Rotherham United who, in turn, lost 3-2 to Aston Villa in the final.

Footnote: The official programme for the first leg of Town's semi-final at Millmoor cost 3 pence. Now a "very rare" copy in "fine" condition is now being offered for sale at £320!



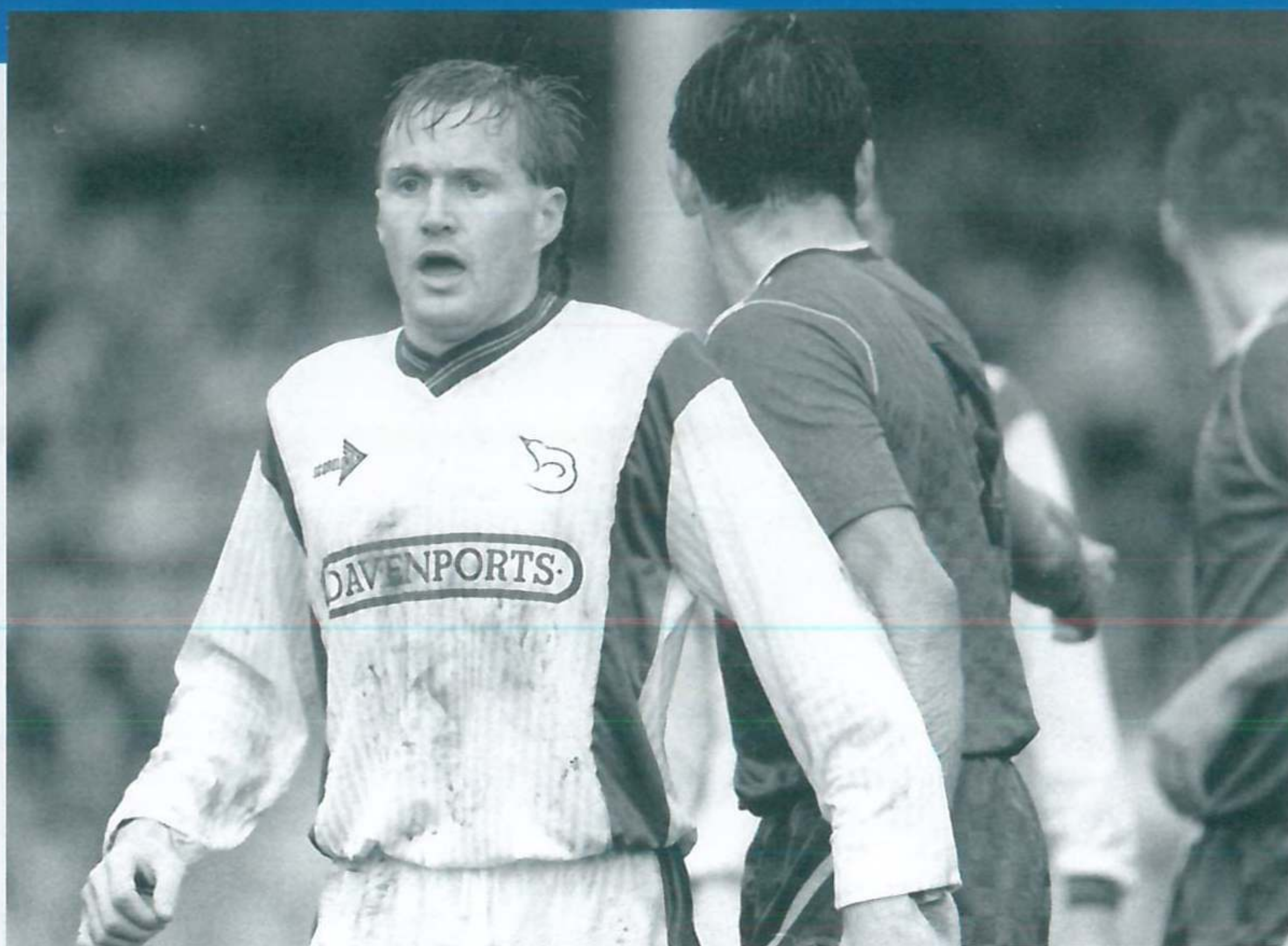
Bolton and Shrewsbury Legends Share Cup Glory

Ever since they won the first Wembley F.A. Cup Final Bolton have had a real Cup pedigree. In 1923 they won and returned in 1926 and 1929 for a fantastic treble. That 1923 side are the only complete eleven to play in more than one F.A. Cup Final.

It has now been proved that Bolton scored the first goal in Football League history thanks to James Kenyon "Kenny" Davenport.

So Cup competitions and goalscorers have been to the fore throughout the Trotters history. Nathaniel Lofthouse -; "The Lion of Vienna" has in more recent times been followed by the likes of Kevin Davies. In the early 1990's our two sides had quite a few connections. Tony Kelly and Mickey Brown both moved from Salop to Burnden Park. A couple of seasons later Kelly was playing alongside John McGinlay. They were involved in three epic Cup victories.

In January 1993 Bolton drew 2-2 with Liverpool in the F.A. Cup after leading 2-0; Captain Phil Brown's pass sent Scott Green away and his cross was converted by John McGinlay. The second was a well worked corner finished by Mark Seagraves; however Graham Souness' men came back when Ronnie Rosenthal's shot rebounded off a post and bounced off another former Salop player Mark Winstanley into his own net and a late equaliser set up a replay. Undaunted Bolton again took an early lead with Tony Kelly starting a move which saw David Lee race away down the left and cross for McGinlay to ghost into space and head home. Lee who is now in charge of Wanderers



successful Youth team with Kelly as his assistant ran riot that night and could have had a hat trick but after stretching their lead through Andy Walker; they declared at 2-0.

The following season Bolton turned on the other side in the Mersey City and after trailing at Goodison Park early in the second half to two Stuart "Jigsaw" Barlow goals. They stormed back with a left foot volley from McGinlay and Alan Stubbs goal and a flowing move from Lee to Jason McAteer who set up Owen Coyle for the winner. Former Town keeper Mike Walker who had recently joined Everton was the defeated manager.

This set up a trip to Highbury where John McGinlay again opened the scoring in stunning style and despite an Alan Smith leveller they ran out victors after Owen Coyle hit a post and Jason McAteer scored following up and Andy Walker hit a third. Bruce Rioch was the Bolton boss for all these wins and the latter one was probably what earned him the Arsenal job as he was soon to succeed George Graham.

Coyle is of course now managing Wigan Athletic and his new Chief Scout appointed in the last ten days is his old strike partner John McGinlay.

John McGinlay joined Town from Elgin City after Ian McNeill's son saw him play in the Highland League. He went on to reach International honours with Scotland after leaving Town for initially Bury. Many Town fans were mystified by this but the then Bury Chairman who had made a fortune through Polly Peck promised to see John's kids educated at a fee paying school. Sadly Polly Peck shares plunged and John moved to Millwall; something he shares with Salop legend Alf Wood. He then moved to Bolton and apart from his other feats scored the last goals at Burnden Park in 1997.

He later played for Bradford City and Oldham before his knee injury curtailed his League career.

A spell in the United States at Cincinnati Riverhawks preceded his appointment as Gresley Rovers manager; almost 50 years after Sammy Crooks moved from Town to the Derbyshire side. John did well on a very limited budget; which at one stage saw him appear in goal for a few games. He moved on to Ilkeston Town before returning to Cincinnati; this time with the Kings.

I am sure both sets of fans hope that he meets with success in his new role at Wigan.



BACK TO THE FUTURE

Football historian **LEIGH EDWARDS** traces what happened to four of Bolton Wanderers' greatest post-war teams...

1958 FA CUP WINNERS

EDDIE HOPKINSON: England international goalkeeper who made a club record 519 League appearances until injury in November 1969. Briefly assistant-trainer, he resided locally until his death in April 2004.

ROY HARTLE: Consistent right-back who netted 11 goals in 447 League outings prior to joining Buxton in July 1966. After coaching New York Generals, he was Bury's chief scout and still lives in Bolton.

TOMMY BANKS: Tough-tackling England international left-back who scored twice in 233 League games prior to joining Altrincham in July 1961, then worked in the building trade and has settled in Farnworth.

DEREK HENNIN: Ex-England Youth right-half who netted eight goals in 164 League games, joining Chester in February 1961, then Wigan Athletic, Prescot Cables and St Helens. He died in January 1989.

JOHN HIGGINS: Centre-half who made 183 First Division appearances before joining Wigan Athletic in July 1961. Later Stockport County's commercial manager, then general manager, he died in April 2005.

BRYAN EDWARDS: Left-half who netted eight goals in 482 League outings before leaving in May 1965. He later coached Blackpool, Preston, Plymouth and Bradford City, where also manager and physio.

BRIAN BIRCH: Former England Youth winger who moved to Rochdale in July 1964, then Ellesmere Port. Now living in Southport, his grandson Will Johnson plays for Portland Timbers and Canada.

DENNIS STEVENS: England U-23 inside-right who scored 90 times in 273 League games, joining Everton in March 1962, then Oldham Athletic and Tranmere Rovers. He ran a gent's outfitters in Harwood.

NAT LOFTHOUSE: England international centre-forward who netted a club record 255 goals in 452 League games. Later Bolton's coach, manager, chief scout and club president, he died in January 2011.

RAY PARRY: England international inside-left who scored 68 times in 270 League games, joining Blackpool in October 1960. Later playing for Bury, he became a newsagent in Bolton and died in May 2003.

DOUG HOLDEN: England international winger who moved to Preston in November 1962, then Hakoah and Auburn. Later Grimsby's trainer and Dartford's manager, he is a retired car salesman in Belvedere.

1977-78 SECOND DIVISION CHAMPIONS

JIM MCDONAGH: Republic of Ireland international goalkeeper who returned from a spell at Everton to make 242 League appearances overall. He has become a goalkeeping coach, currently at Sunderland.

PETER NICHOLSON: Right-back who scored nine times in 324 League games, moving to Bury in September 1978, then Southport. He has since coached at Bolton's Academy and is now a matchday host.

TONY DUNNE: Republic of Ireland international left-back who made 170 League appearances before joining Bolton's coaching staff in July 1979. He has since run his own golf driving range in Altrincham.

ROY GREAVES: Midfielder who netted 66 goals in 495 League games, moving to Seattle Sounders in March 1980. Later Rochdale's player-coach, then a local publican, he now has various business interests.

PAUL JONES: Central defender who moved to Huddersfield in July 1983, then Oldham, Blackpool, Wigan, Rochdale and Stockport. He has had various jobs and also scouted for Palace, Hull and Bolton.

SAM ALLARDYCE: Central defender who netted 21 goals in 198 League games in two spells, since managing Preston, Blackpool, Sunderland, Notts County, Bolton, Newcastle, Blackburn and West Ham.

WILLIE MORGAN: Scotland international winger who netted ten goals in 155 League games before moving to Blackpool in September 1980. He now runs his own marketing company and lives in Wilmslow.

NEIL WHATMORE: Top scorer who joined Birmingham City in August 1981, then reunited with Ian Greaves at Oxford United and Mansfield. Settling in Mansfield, he now works for Severn Trent Water.

RAY TRAIN: Midfielder who later played for Watford, Oxford United, Bournemouth, Northampton, Tranmere and Walsall. He has since held various coaching and scouting posts, notably at Middlesbrough.

PETER REID: England U-21 midfielder who joined Everton in December 1982. Later at QPR, he has managed Manchester City, Sunderland, Leeds United, Coventry City, Thailand and Plymouth Argyle.

FRANK WORTHINGTON: England international who later played for Birmingham, Leeds United, Sunderland, Southampton, Brighton, Tranmere, Preston and Stockport, becoming an after-dinner speaker.



BOLTON WANDERERS

1995 LEAGUE CUP FINALISTS

KEITH BRANAGAN: Republic of Ireland international goalkeeper who made 215 League appearances before joining Ipswich Town in April 2000. He has since been a goalkeeping coach at Bolton School.

SCOTT GREEN: Right-back who helped Bolton twice win promotion before moving to Wigan Athletic in June 1997, then Wrexham, Telford United and Ashton United. Now head of youth at Yeovil Town.

JIMMY PHILLIPS: Ever-present left-back who also starred in Bolton's 1996-97 First Division title triumph and netted five goals in 329 League games in two spells. He is now Bolton's Academy director.

JASON MCATEER: Republic of Ireland international midfielder who joined Liverpool in September 1995. He later played for Blackburn Rovers, Sunderland and Tranmere Rovers, becoming assistant-boss.

MARK SEAGRAVES: Ex-England Youth central defender who moved to Swindon, in June 1995, then Barrow and Runcorn. He has since been a coach/scout under Paul Jewell at Wigan, Derby and Ipswich.

ALAN STUBBS: England B international central defender who joined Celtic in May 1996. Later playing for Everton, Sunderland, Everton again and Derby County, he is now on Everton's coaching staff.

DAVID LEE: Winger who helped Bolton to win promotion three times, joining Wigan Athletic in July 1997, then Carlisle United and Morecambe. He has since been a youth coach at Wigan and Bolton.

RICHARD SNEEKES: Dutch U-21 midfielder who moved to West Brom in March 1996, then had spells with Stockport County, Hull City and Herfolge. He now runs an Italian restaurant in Sutton Coldfield.

MIXU PAATELAINEN: Finland international striker who moved to Wolves in August 1997, then played for Hibernian, St Johnstone and St Mirren. He has managed Cowdenbeath and Finnish side TPS.

JOHN MCGINLAY: Scotland international striker who joined Bradford City in November 1997, then Oldham Athletic. He managed Ilkeston and Gresley, then became assistant coach at Cincinnati Kings.

ALAN THOMPSON: England U-21 winger who netted 33 goals in 157 League games, moving to Aston Villa in June 1998, then Celtic and Leeds United. He has since been Newcastle's reserve team boss.

2004 LEAGUE CUP FINALISTS

JUSSI JAASKELAINEN: Finland international goalkeeper who was ever-present for Bolton on six occasions, making 474 League appearances before reuniting with Sam Allardyce at West Ham in July 2012.

NICKY HUNT: England U-21 right-back who helped Bolton reach the FA Cup sixth round in 2004-05, scoring once in 128 League games before joining Bristol City in July 2010, then Preston and Rotherham.

SIMON CHARLTON: Ex-England Youth international who moved to Norwich City in July 2004. He became their youth coach, then managed Mildenhall Town and now coaches for Global Soccer Network.

IVAN CAMPO: Spanish international midfielder who netted 13 goals in 172 League games before moving to Ipswich Town in August 2008, then Cypriot side AEK Larnaca before hanging up his boots.

BRUNO N'GOTTY: French international central defender who joined Birmingham City in July 2006. He has since played for Leicester City, Hereford United and French sides l'AS Lattes and ES Perols.

EMERSON THOME: Brazilian central defender who made 26 League appearances, moving to Wigan Athletic in August 2004. Later with Japanese side Vissel Kobe, he is now an Everton scout in Portugal.

KEVIN NOLAN: Former England U-21 midfielder who scored 40 times in 296 League games before joining Newcastle United in January 2009. He reunited with Sam Allardyce at West Ham in July 2011.

PER FRANDSEN: Danish international midfielder who netted 30 goals in 265 League games overall in two spells before joining Wigan Athletic in July 2004. He has become a football agent in Denmark.

KEVIN DAVIES: England international striker who starred as Bolton twice qualified for the UEFA Cup under Sam Allardyce. Ever-present three times, he became captain and joined Preston this summer.

YOURI DJORKAEFF: French international striker who joined Blackburn Rovers in September 2004, then New Jersey Metro Stars and New York Red Bulls in the United States. He now lives in Manhattan.

JAY JAY OKOCHA: Nigeria international midfielder who moved to Qatar SC in June 2006, then reunited with Phil Brown at Hull City before hanging up his boots. He owns a bar on Victoria Island, Lagos.



OPPOSITION SCOUTING REPORT

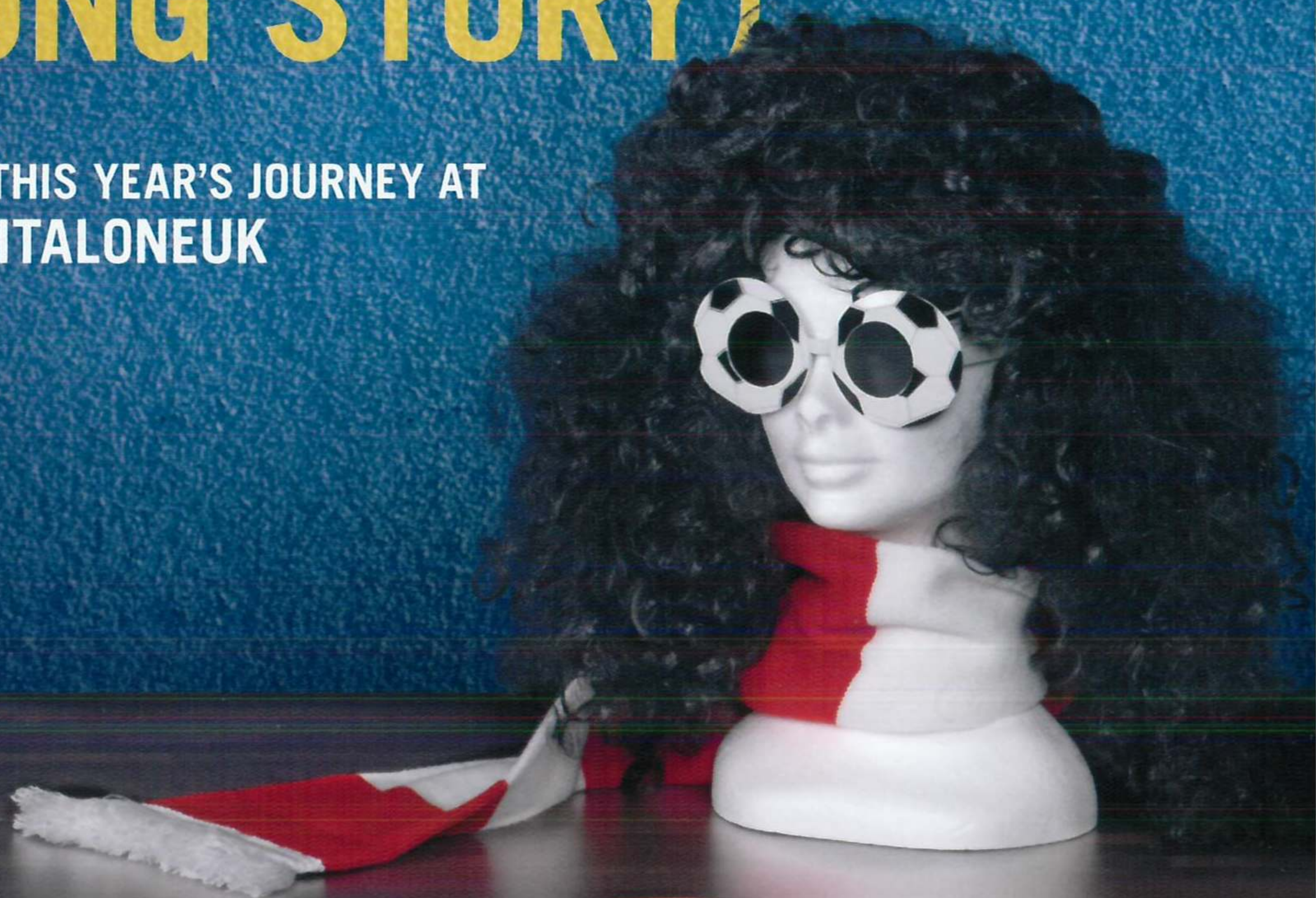
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MARTIN WILD TALKS TO BOLTON WANDERERS FAN MARK YESILEVSKIY TO GET HIS THOUGHTS ON TODAY'S OPPOSITION'S SEASON AHEAD

Name Mark Yesilevskiy	bags of experience. They seem regimented and raring to go.	Wanderers had at the end of last season, to carry them into this one.
Age 24	And what about the manager, Dougie Freedman? What sort of task has he got on his hands? When Dougie was hired, his first job as Bolton manager was to sort out an extremely leaky defence. We saw the benefits of his management style straight away as Wanderers began plugging the gaps in the back line. Signings like Medo Kamara and Craig Dawson - albeit on loan - only helped the cause. This year, Dougie's focus is at the front as he aims to get goals out of a group of misfiring strikers. Jermaine Beckford has been brought in to get goals and Freedman arguably knows him better than anyone else, having played alongside him at Leeds United.	Who would you regard as challengers for the promotion places? The obvious choices are that of Reading, Wigan and QPR, all of which have spent a bit this summer. I also think that Watford will prove to be a contender once more, especially after spending the summer exposing loopholes and bringing in Udinese players for free.
How long have you been supporting Bolton Wanderers? 10 years		What's your pre-season been like? The results simply haven't come for us, and we've lost three of four pre-season matches. That run included a 3-3 draw here at Greenhous Meadow a couple of weeks ago when we squandered a 3-1 lead. The defensive performances especially, were hardly what you'd call confidence-inspiring.
What have been the best and worst moments following the club? There are lots to pick from. The best moment would perhaps have to be drawing away at Bayern Munich in 2007 in what was then known as the UEFA Cup. After taking a shock lead through Ricardo Gardner, Wanderers found themselves 2-1 down to a pair of Lukas Podolski goals. It was Kevin Davies combining with Kevin Nolan to slip the ball under Oliver Kahn to seal a famous draw late on in the group stages. The worst moment would have to be relegation at the end of the 2011/12 Premier League season. Wanderers would miss Stuart Holden and Chung-Yong Lee for almost the entire season and then came the devastating Fabrice Muamba collapse. It was a season full of heartbreak, misery, few highs, and many lows that ultimately ended with Wanderers going down on the final day, when a win at Stoke would have saved us and relegated QPR instead.	Any signings you have made that have whetted the appetite for the season ahead? Dougie's first two signings of the summer were to shore up the full back spots (Alex Baptiste and ex-Shrew Marc Tierney), two areas that Bolton have been found wanting over the last few years. Additionally, a number of young players have also been brought in for the future. Perhaps the most interesting pair is that of Beckford & Rob Hall, two dynamic players that can add very different dimensions to our attack. Do you feel confident that the side can mount a serious challenge this season after coming close last? The major issue last season was the slow start under Owen Coyle. I believe that with a pre-season under Dougie, Bolton will be a much fitter side straight out of the gates. Hopefully there are remnants of the momentum that	Did you attend the friendly match 2 weeks ago? Unfortunately I did not but there were Lion of Vienna Suite writers in attendance. Do you have a prediction for tonight's game? I'll be confident and say 3-1 to Bolton. <i>*Mark is the co-founder and managing editor of Lion of Vienna Suite (www.lionofviennasuite.com), a Bolton Wanderers blog & community that enjoys regular readership in over 150 countries every month. He's also a bit of a rare case in that he's an American who has supported the Wanderers for a decade and is currently based in New York.</i>
What do you make of the current playing squad? Bolton have what is a relatively strong squad this year with a healthy mix of Championship and Premier League talent. There are some very young players in the mix as well as those with		

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THE LAST WORD

Well, there we are, up and running once again and time now for a bit of a wind-down as the new season takes off.

Not that the business of statistic keeping is ever quiet, but I find that the period immediately after the season starts is what I fondly refer to as the status quo, with week to week updates as opposed to that, at times manic, couple of months that always seem to follow the end of a season.

As a football season comes to an end the quest to dot the "I's" and cross the "t's" on the past nine months fully comes into force.

Whilst the week to week correlation is forever ongoing, the seasons end requires a complete check of stats for each particular facet of the club i.e. first, reserve and youth teams with appearances, goals and all other relevant information checked and double checked before it can finally be 'put to bed'.

Departing players' details have all to be calculated prior to printing them off, this including appearances and goals, personal details finalised and then filed away for future reference.

For new arrivals index cards are produced with all the relevant information stored upon them with regard to previous clubs, honours such like recorded alongside any information about any one individual, quirky or otherwise and dependent

upon how interesting this may prove to be.

Countless hours are also spent trawling through various sources to locate former Town players and for whom they may be playing now, cross checking and cross referencing all information into the various files.

The close season is also the period when the publishers of forthcoming books, both at home and abroad, tend to request information for their new publications due out at the start of the new season.

I also receive quite a few requests from people researching family trees who find that relatives were once on the books of Shrewsbury Town, about which they would like information, and which I try my best to accommodate.

All these put together alongside the updating of over two dozen other information sites relevant to the football club, and the close season usually passes in a blur.

Once this is all completed to my own exacting standards, it is then usually time to sit with our esteemed editor to discover what he would like for the forthcoming seasons match day programme, a small percentage of which I may be able to begin ahead of time, other things having to be produced just prior to our deadlines.

My own deadline for completion of end of season statistical work is usually between six and eight weeks from the season completion, however this invariably sees the edges become somewhat blurred as everyday life usually gets in the way.

I could never ever complain however about doing what I do since my love of all things Shrewsbury Town, and, as the old adage goes, if you love a job, you'll never have to work a day in your life again.

KEVIN DAVIES

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BURY V CREWE

CHARLTON V OXFORD UTD

CHELTENHAM V CRAWLEY

COLCHESTER V PETERBOROUGH

DONCASTER V ROCHDALE

EXETER V QPR

GILLINGHAM V BRISTOL CITY

HUDDERSFIELD V BRADFORD

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22	Ryan Woods
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5	Tim Ream
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